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SUBJECT:US-USSR MARINE RESOURCES INC.

REF: MOSCOW 1056

1. DEPTOFF CONTACTED BELLINGHAM MANAGER WALLY PEREYRA, JANUARY 24, AND OUTLINED NAKHODKA SITUATION REPORTED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL. WE STRESSED LIBERAL TRAVEL POLICY ACCORDED SOVIET VISITOR LATYSHEV. HE DOES NOT TRAVEL "AT WILL." (US-USSR MARINE RESOURCES REQUESTS PERMISSION FOR TRAVEL AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE.) HOWEVER, LATYSHEV DID MAKE ONE DAY VISIT, ACCOMPANIED, TO SAN DIEGO FOR PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL; HE COMMUTES REGULARLY TO SEATTLE; AND HE IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE UNCHAUFFEURED CAR IN OPEN AREAS WITHIN 25 MILE-RADIUS OF BELLINGHAM WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION. WE SUGGESTED TO PEREYRA THAT, IN THIS UNIQUE CASE, PRIVATE COMPANY MIGHT HAVE MOST LEVERAGE TO ACHIEVE RECIPROCITY FOR ITS AMERICAN EMPLOYEE. WE ALSO NOTED THAT, IF RECIPROCITY IS NOT FORTH-
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COMING, WE WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER OUR DECISIONS ON USE OF UNCHAUFFEURED CAR AND TRAVEL TO CLOSED AREAS. PEREYRA AGREED THAT COMPANY COULD PLAY USEFUL ROLE AND SAID HE PLANS TO RAISE MATTER IN UPCOMING MOSCOW MEETING WHICH WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY SOVIET EMBASSY FISHERIES COUNSELOR ZNAMENSKIY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE REQUESTED THAT DEPTOFF

ALERT ZNAMENSKIY TO NATURE OF PROBLEM SO THAT SOVIETS
CANNOT FEIGN IGNORANCE OF SITUATION.

2. ZNAMENSKIY, AT LEAST ORALLY, WAS VERY RESPONSIVE TO
DEPTOFF'S CALL. HE AGREED TO CONTACT SOVIET AUTHORITIES
IMMEDIATELY AND PROMISED TO RAISE ISSUE PERSONALLY WHEN
HE TRAVELS TO MOSCOW IN A WEEK OR SO. HE ASSURED DEPTOFF
OF IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THIS JOINT VENTURE AND SAID
HE WOULD "DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" TO PROMOTE COOPERATION
AND IMPROVE STEVENS' SITUATION IN SPEEDY FASHION.

3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S THOROUGH, AND OB-
VIOUSLY TIMELY REQUEST. VANCE

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